monoclonal antibody or fragments thereof binds to both the B'-C' loop and the F'-G' of domain 4 of the β_c subunit.

- 33. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) A method of inhibiting the IL-5, IL-3 or GM-CSF mediated leukaemic cell proliferation as in the claim 32 wherein the monoclonal antibody or fragments thereof are BION-1 or fragments thereof.
- 34. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) A method of inhibiting IL-5, IL-3 or GM-CSF mediated eosinophil activation, eosinophil production or eosinophil survival, by contacting the eosinophils with monoclonal antibody or fragments thereof capable of inhibiting the binding of cytokines IL-3, GM-CSF and IL-5 to the common receptor β_c, wherein the monoclonal antibody or fragments thereof binds to both the B'-C' loop and the F'-G' of domain 4 of the β_c subunit.
- 35. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) A method of inhibiting IL-5, IL-3 or GM-CSF mediated eosinophil activation, eosinophil production or eosinophil survival, as in claim 34 wherein the monoclonal antibody or fragments thereof are BION-1 or fragments thereof.

36-39. (CANCELLED)

REMARKS

After amendment claims 32-35 are pending in the present application.

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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